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Naval Postgraduate Begins Homeland Defense Masters Degree

What: Program inauguration of the nations first Homeland Security Masters Degree

Where: Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Cal.

When: From 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Monday, 6 Jan, 2003.

Who: Thirteen Public Safety managers from around the country will comprise the initial class. Students include Emergency Management and Public Health managers from around the country, including two officials from the New York City Fire Department and one from the New York City Office of Emergency Management.

Speakers: Confirmed speakers include: Rep. Sam Farr (D-CA); Mr. Andy Mitchell, Acting Director of the Office for Defense Preparedness; Mr. Pete Verga, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Homeland Security matters; Vice Adm. Kevin Green, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations and Rear Adm. David R. Ellison, Superintendent of NPS.

How: The program will be primarily a web-based Distance Learning (DL) program with classes exported from NPS professors to dial-in electronic classrooms. The students will travel to NPS for periodic two week-long seminars, then return to their jobs for the continuation of the 18 month-long degree program. More info can be found at www.hsld.org.

Media interested in covering the event should contact LCDR Joe Navratil, NPS Public Affairs Officer at (831) 656-3649.